Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue FAQ

The Lauderdale City Council is considering taking ownership of part of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue. During the October 23 council meeting, residents were invited to learn about the proposal and provide feedback. Following is a summary of the information presented and questions asked.

What streets are candidates for jurisdictional transfer?

The City Council is considering taking ownership of Roselawn Avenue from the sound wall to Fulham Street and Eustis Street from Larpenteur Avenue to Roselawn Avenue. A small portion of Roselawn Avenue is in Roseville; they anticipate taking ownership of their street segment from Ramsey County.

What county roads are not being considered for jurisdictional transfer?

Larpenteur Avenue, Fulham Street from Larpenteur Avenue to Roselawn Avenue, and Eustis Street from Larpenteur Avenue to the southern city limit.

What is proposed to be done to improve Roselawn Avenue?

When Roselawn Avenue was reconstructed in 1987, a permanent road base was built and curb and gutter were installed. Roselawn Avenue needs a mill and overlay (repaving) to correct the deteriorating surface as the County has not performed maintenance on the street since 1989. The storm sewer catch basins would be rehabilitated as part of this process. Thereafter, in 5-7 year intervals, the City would sealcoat the street with the other city streets so it lasts for 20-30 years before repaving is needed.

What is proposed to be done to improve Eustis Street?

Eustis Street has not had the same level of improvements as Roselawn Avenue. Eustis Street was paved in 1990 and sealcoated in 1991. The road does not have an adequate road base, storm sewer system, or curb and gutter. Rehabilitation would include replacement of the water and gas mains, building an appropriate road base, new pavement, and drainage/storm sewer improvements to the extent possible. The sanitary sewer was rehabilitated in 2016 and needs no further correction. Thereafter, in 5-7 year intervals, the City would sealcoat the street with the other city streets so it lasts for 20-30 years before repaving is needed.

The road would be widened slightly to accommodate an 8’ parking lane on the east side, two 12’ drive lanes, and a 4’ shoulder for pedestrians and bikers. A sidewalk is not planned.

When would the streets be improved?

If the City Council votes to take ownership of the streets, the City would plan for a construction project in 2019. The project would be coordinated by the City’s engineering firm.
How would the improvements be paid for?

The projected construction costs are $1,165,600 (~$1.5 million with water main improvements). Ramsey County is contributing $836,341 toward the improvements ($320,000 for Roselawn and $516,341 for Eustis Street). St. Paul Regional Water will pay for the water main improvements and a portion of the road reconstruction. Xcel Energy will pay for gas main improvements. Special assessments are budgeted at $306,000. Any remaining costs will be financed and paid out of reserves.

How does this affect snow plowing?

Jurisdictional transfer of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue would not change the plowing arrangement. Ramsey County would continue to plow all residential streets. Lauderdale is the only city they currently provide that service for.

How does this affect street sweeping?

About five years ago the City began paying for the sweeping of Eustis Street, Roselawn Avenue, and Fulham Street in the fall as Ramsey County did not sweep the streets after the leaves fell. The cost to sweep Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue in the spring is anticipated to be less than $500 per year.

How does the City finance street maintenance?

Periodic maintenance and seal coating in 5-7 year intervals is paid out of Street Improvement Fund 403. The funds come from a couple of sources including investment interest, unspent general fund dollars, and state transportation funds. The current fund balance is ~$463,000 or enough money for two city-wide sealcoating projects.

When will a decision be made?

Staff is preparing the necessary agreements with Ramsey County, St. Paul Regional Water, and the City of Roseville and anticipate bringing them to the December 11, 2018 city council meeting for a vote.